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SUBJECT: GROWING CAMPAIGN AGAINST USMC ARTILLERY EXERCISES
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SUMMARY: THE LEFTIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST USMC ARTILLERY EXERCISES OVER HIGHWAY 104 IS STEADILY ESCALATING. THE MAJOR OBJECTS OF ATTACK ARE THE US, THE POLICE, AND THE DFAB; VOTH OF THE LATTER APPEAR DEEPLY

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DISHEARTENED, WITH LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR TRYING TO CONDUCT THE EXERCISE AGAIN. END SUMMARY.
1. THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST USMC ARTILLERY FIRING OVER HIGHWAY 104 CONTINUES FULL TILT IN THE (LEFTIST) LOCAL MEDIA, SPURRED ON BY REPORTS THAT THE MARINES PLAN TO CLOSE THE HIGHWAY MARCH 19 AND TRY AGAIN. TH
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OKINAWA PREFECTURAL ASSEMBY UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CESSATION OF ALL MILITARY EXERCISES, WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED
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MEMBERS TO THE USMC, CONGEN, AND DIRECTOR NAHA OF THE DFAB. NARA
REPORTEDLY TOLD THE DELEGATION HE WAS NEGOTIATING WITH THE US TO HAVE
THE MARCH 19 EXERCISE CANCELED. GOVERNOR YARA'S APPEALS TO MG DAVID
(THE OKINAWA REA COORDINATOR), THE GOJ, AND EMBASSY TOKYO HAVE BEEN
WIDELY REPORTED.
2. THE OKINAWA TIMES ALLEGED THAT ACCORDING TO DFAB SOURCES, THE
MARINED WANTED TO CARRY ON WITH THE MARCH 11 EXERCISES ONCE THE DEMON
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STRATORS HAD SCATTERED INTO HIDING IN BRUSH AT OR AROUND THE IMPACT
AREA, BUT WERE DISSAUDED BY A SPECIAL APPEAL FROM THE DFAB.
3. THE POLICE HAVE COME UNDER HEAVY ATTACK FOR THEIR ORIGINAL
ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO APPLY THE SPECIAL CRIMINAL LAW
AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS APPREHENDED IN THE EXERCISE AREA

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AND FOR HAVING THEIR MEN CHOPPERED ABOARD USMC HELICOPTERS
INTO THE IMPACT AREA TO CLEAR OUT THE PROTESTERS. POLICE CHIEF
KATO REPORTEDLY STATED THIS LATTER ACTION WAS WITHIN THE LAW
AND WAS INTENDED TO PROTECT THE DEMONSTRATORS FROM POSSIBLE
UNEXPLODED ROUNDS IN THE IMPACT AREA. HE THEN BACKTRACKED
SOMEWHAT, SAYING THAT WHILE HE WOULD TAKE SIMILAR ACTION IN
URGENT LIFE-AND-DEATH SITUATIONS, HE WOULD NOT AGAIN REQUEST
THE USE OF US HELICOPTERS IN A SITUATION LIKE THAT OF THE
MARCH 11 EXERCISE.
4. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, GENSUIKYO (THE ANTI-H BOMB ASSOCIATION),
IN COORDINATION WITH SOHYO, OTHER UNIONS, AND OTHER PROTEST GROUPS,
IS ORGANIZING TO BLOCK THE PROPOSED MARCH 19 EXERCISE AND ANY
OTHER FUTURE ATTEMPTS.
5. I VISITED DFAB DIRECTOR NAHA THIS AFTERNOON. HE APPEARS BOTH
PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY EXHAUSTED, HAVING BEEB BOMBARDED BY DELEGA-
TIONS, MENACING PHONE CALLS, AND BOMB THREATS. HE INDICATED THAT THE
POLICE REGARD AN ATTEMPT TO HOLD ANOTHER EXERCISE ON MARCH 19
WITH NO ENTHUSIAM; THEY GOT A BLACK EYE FOR THE LAST ATTEMPT,
AND THE PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY IS RIGHT NOW IN THE PROCESS OF
CONSIDERING THEIR BUDGET. NARA HAD NO NEW IDEAS AS TO HOW THE

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PROTESTERS COULD BE KEPT OUT OF THE EXERCISE AREA AND THE FIRING
COULD PROCEED. I INDICATED I UNDERSTOOD HIS PROBLEMS, BUT POINTED
OUT THE NECESSITY OF THIS TRAINING TO THE USMC AND THE IMPLICATIONS
FOR THE MARINES OF GIVING UP THIS ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT THE EXERCISE
WITHOUT A SPECIFIC COMMITMENT FROM THE DFAB ON THE NEXT ATTEMPT.
6. COMMENT: THE LEFTISTS SEEM TO HAVE A GRIP ON THIS ISSUE THAT REALL
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HURTS US AND ARE MAKING THE MOST OF IT. THE SOCIALIST APPEAR TO BE TAKING THE LEAD BECAUSE IT GIVES THEM A CHANCE TO SHOW THEIR LEFTIST CREDENTIALS WITHOUT HAVING TO FOLLOW THE COMMUNISTS (WHO OF COURSE ARE ALSO ON THE ATTACK). ALTHOUGH THE LEFTISTS WOULD FIND DIFFICULTY IN MOUNTING EFFECTIVE PROTEST EFFORTS OVER A SUSTAINED PERIOD, THEIR RETURNS THUS FAR IN PUBLICITY AND MOREALE PROBABLY MAKE IT WORTHWHILE.

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